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it as this: The jury is still out on Agent Orange; Agent Orange can cause cancer and birth defects; the lay evidence on Agent Orange, from the Vietnam veterans themselves, is ahead of the scientific evidence.

I hope we will see more from the pen of this prolific former CNO.

There is still a lot more we can learn from his experience. Meanwhile, I believe there are many Navy and non-Navy people who would join me in wishing well for the Zumwalt family in this dark hour.

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## RECENT BOOKS

### Selected Accessions of the Naval War College Library

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Annotated by

Christine Babcock, Lynda Bronaugh and George Scheck

Baynham, Simon, ed. *Military Power and Politics in Black Africa*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1986. 333pp. \$32.50

Military power plays a major political role in most African countries south of the Sahara. This compilation of essays by a group of highly respected subject specialists provides a broad overview of the politico-military situation in this region since the 1960s. The editor has designed the collection to include a variety of themes such as local intervention and disengagement, civilian and military institutional relations, and foreign intervention and assistance.

Bowman, William et al., eds. *The All-Volunteer Force after a Decade: Retrospect and Prospect*. Washington, D.C.: Pergamon-Brassey's, 1986. 352pp. \$32.50

The issue of conscription vs. the volunteer force in manning the U.S. military is discussed in depth by a group of distinguished administration officials spanning the years from Nixon to Reagan, as well as civilian and military authorities on the subject. This collection of essays on recent American military manpower issues describes the current status of the all-volunteer force and predicts its future potential. The book itself is an outgrowth of a conference held at the U.S. Naval Academy, 2-4 November 1983, ten years after the end of the draft.

Breuer, William. *Devil Boats: The PT War Against Japan*. Novato, Calif.: Presidio Press, 1987. 299pp. \$16.95

An anecdotal history of the PT war in the Pacific. Forward by Rear Admiral John D. Bulkeley, *Devil Boats* highlights actions from the U.S. forces being driven out of the Philippines to their return, including Bulkeley's removal of MacArthur and the "kidnapping" of President Quezon. An epilogue provides some interesting commentary on the more famous PT skippers—John Kennedy, Howard Baker, Robert

Montgomery, "Whizzer" White, Paul Fay to name a few—and of the post-World War II association, PT Boats, Inc. Its brainchild, "Boats" Newberry sailed his last patrol in January 1985.

Brzoska, Michael and Ohlson, Thomas, eds. *Arms Production in the Third World*. Philadelphia: Taylor & Francis for Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 1986. 391pp. \$45

The development of military industries in Third World countries is a facet of the international arms trade that has not been studied as extensively as the flow of weapons from the major powers. The two researchers who head the arms trade team at SIPRI have collected and edited this material which provides factual information about which developing countries are producing which weapons for export and discusses many of the implications of these developments. In addition to essays by various authorities about particular countries, there are biographical sketches of the contributors; a list of useful acronyms, abbreviations, and conventions; many useful tables and figures; and a selective bibliography.

Hadley, Arthur T. *The Straw Giant-Triumph and Failure: America's Armed Forces*. New York: Random House, 1986. 314pp. \$19.95

This book is a report by a leading military journalist on the state of U.S. military forces and the defense system. It spans the time period from World War II to the hostage rescue mission in Iran. The author examines the flaws in the Joint Chiefs of Staff concept and discusses various reform attempts from the "Admirals Revolt" of 1949 to current proposals. Included are examples of overcontrol, self-interest, and inter-intraservice rivalries that contribute to the problems with our present defense system. There are also historical and personal sidelights that offer fresh insights into our present military ills.

Johnson, R.W. *Shoot-Down: Flight 007 and the American Connection*. New York: Viking Press, 1986. 335pp. \$18.95

Two hundred and sixty-nine people lost their lives when the Soviets shot down Korean Airlines Flight 007 as it flew without authorization over Soviet airspace. The United States was able to win easily the ensuing war of words between the two superpowers; however, the author believes that there was a gross manipulation of facts by the Reagan administration. Four theories have been put forward: that Flight 007 strayed off course by accident; that the pilot was using a shortcut to save fuel; that the Soviets deliberately attempted to lure the plane off course; and that the plane was on a surveillance mission. Johnson examines each theory and concludes that the credibility of the Reagan administration must be questioned in regard to its handling of this incident.

Krasilshchik, S., ed. *World War II: Dispatches from the Soviet Front*. New York: Sphinx Press, 1985. 372pp. \$29.95

The Sovinformburo was created by the Party Central Committee within days after the German assault on the Soviet Union in 1941. Its purpose was to report to the Soviet and foreign media on international and domestic affairs with particular attention to the military actions along the Soviet front. This book is a collection of

dispatches by the talented writers and journalists of this committee. Written with passion and a stark sense of realism, the reports convey the heroism of the Red Army and the determination of the Soviet people as depicted by these Soviet writers during the "Great Patriotic War."

Mastny, Vojtech. *Helsinki, Human Rights, and European Security: Analysis and Documentation*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1986. 389pp. \$49.50

The significance of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), also known as the Helsinki Conference, has been better understood and appreciated in Europe than in the United States. This comprehensive history of the conference, targeted for an American audience, is based on the full set of dispatches filed by correspondents of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the only news organization that has been represented at all CSCE meetings. The organization of the book is chronological, the appendixes include a list of CSCE meetings from 1977-1985, and the text of important documents. An index provides further access.

Mayers, David A. *Cracking the Monolith: U.S. Policy against the Sino-Soviet Alliance, 1949-1955*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1986. 176pp. \$25

Using documentation from the National Archives and the presidential libraries, Mayers traces U.S. foreign policy efforts during the 1950s in response to the Sino-Soviet alliance. According to the author, Washington engaged in some classical diplomatic maneuvers to divide its enemy, such as wooing the weaker Chinese away from the Soviets and also pressuring the alliance to create discontent. Although these maneuvers were somewhat successful, Mayers maintains that domestic factors prohibited both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations from implementing a stronger and probably more effective foreign policy.

Miller, Richard L. *Under the Cloud: the Decades of Nuclear Testing*. New York: Free Press, 1986. 547pp. \$24.95

Between 1951 and 1963 there were over one hundred above-ground nuclear tests in the Nevada desert, and each test produced clouds which left a trail of fallout as they tracked east across the continent. This book is a history of those two decades and the tests that became such an integral part of our culture. Charts list cities and towns affected by radio-activity, while maps trace the course of fallout across the country. Social and political background of the tests and Soviet attempts to develop their own nuclear capabilities are included in the discussion.

Nalty, Bernard C. *Strength for the Fight*. New York: Free Press, 1986. 424pp. \$22.50

This is a survey of the black experience in the military over the past three hundred and fifty years of American history. It chronicles the struggle against the racism that was institutionalized in the military as well as in civilian society. Included are accounts of the black soldiers who served on the Western Frontier as well as the segregated black volunteers who fought in Cuba and the Philippines. The author concludes with a discussion of the present-day military, manned solely by volunteers and largely insulated from American society.

**Hattendorf, John B. and Hattendorf, Lynn C. *A Bibliography of the Works of Alfred Thayer Mahan*. Newport, R.I.: Naval War College Press, 1986. 116pp. \$6**

A comprehensive listing of all of Mahan's identifiable published writings, including editions of all books, translations, articles, and pamphlets. Illustrated with material from the unusual collection of Mahan imprints in the Eccles Library, Naval War College. This bibliography has been compiled by John B. Hattendorf, the Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History at the Naval War College and his sister-in-law, Lynn C. Hattendorf, a reference librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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